

## **Health Assessment in Washington State Annual Community Health Assessment Tracking**

A team of local and state public health professionals working in Community Health Assessment (CHA) defined CHA as collecting, analyzing, and using data to educate and mobilize communities, develop priorities, generate resources, and plan actions to improve public health. Examples include such activities as:

- Carrying out assessments needed to understand health issues in your community.
- Building a local partnership to address a community public health issue.
- Developing and distributing accurate, timely, and user-friendly information about the health status of your local community.
- Conducting an evaluation to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of a program.
- Facilitating strategic decision-making in response to assessment findings.

The attached Community Health Assessment Tracking Tool can be used to track the impacts of CHA practices conducted by your agency and will *benefit both you and your agency by documenting the impacts of your CHA work*. In other words, it will help you identify and track *assessment in action*. It will also help you track the value of the CHA work you do, both internal and external to your agency, as well as provide the accountability needed in making decisions that are data-driven and outcome-based.

Information collected throughout the year will be used to both establish a centralized repository of CHA practices and to track results from these activities in Washington State. The information collected and compiled from this tool will be available on the AssessNow website ([www.assessnow.info](http://www.assessnow.info)) and used to showcase examples of concrete outcomes from community health assessment. This collection of highlighted CHA activities will also become a valuable resource to others throughout the state interested in conducting similar activities.

Please complete one form for each *internal* or *external* CHA activity your agency would like to highlight. You can report on an annual basis or more frequently if you prefer, and you are encouraged to report on as many CHA activities occurring within your agency as you wish. Additionally, a particular activity may be reported on in subsequent reporting cycles. The subsequent reporting on an activity will become a way to document the maturation of longer-term projects over time. Please indicate when reporting whether this is first or a subsequent reporting for an activity.

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<b>Agency:</b>	<b>Reported by:</b>
<b>Date reported:</b>	<b>Initial report:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Subsequent report:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Identify or describe the CHA activity (e.g., Local BRFSS, Program Evaluation, Assessment Report etc.):</b>	
<b>Describe resources (e.g., personnel, data, in-kind, etc.) and funding sources used to conduct the activity:</b>	
<b>What is the main finding related to the outcome(s) described below?</b>	
<b>Check all impact areas that apply</b> —consider both internal (within your LHJ) and external (community) impacts):	<b>Describe specific outcome(s) below:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Health issues were identified.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health priorities were established	
<input type="checkbox"/> Internal agency programs were prioritized.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A new partnership to address a health issue was formed.	
<input type="checkbox"/> New health strategies and/or action plans are developed.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic agency direction established or altered.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A new health program/service was implemented.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A health program/service was modified.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A health policy recommendation was developed, written or modified.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A grant was written using local data.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A new resource to address a priority was obtained.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting decisions influenced.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Any other outcomes? Please describe.	